

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Department of Agricultural Commissioner/ Weights and Measures

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March 26, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

2013 BRUSH CLEARANCE/WEED ABATEMENT REFEREE'S HEARING REPORT

SUBJECT

As authorized by the Los Angeles County Fire Code and approved by your Board on January 15, 2013, public hearings were conducted by the Deputy Director, Weed Hazard and Integrated Pest Management Bureau, Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures (ACWM) and the Assistant Chief, Brush Clearance Section, Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District), acting as Referees, to receive protests against the Board's year 2013 order to abate noxious or dangerous weeds, hazardous brush, dry grass, combustible growth or flammable vegetation to include native and ornamental vegetation on designated improved and unimproved properties in Los Angeles County. As stated in the legal notice sent to each owner of record, the hearings were held from 9:30 a.m. until noon, in the offices of the ACWM, at 12300 Lower Azusa Road, Arcadia, California on February 20, 2013, and at 335 A East Avenue K-10, Lancaster, California on February 21, 2013.

Thirty-one (31) property owners attended the public hearings. During the hearings, property owners received individual consultation from ACWM and District personnel. Appropriate action was taken as necessary to address their inquiries. We are not aware of any individual that wishes to present objections to your Board at this time.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- Accept this hearing report.
- 2. Order the ACWM and the District to enforce the removal of hazardous brush, dry grass, weeds, combustible growth or flammable vegetation, to include native and ornamental vegetation, on

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improved and unimproved properties in Los Angeles County as listed on the Resolution of the Board of Supervisors approved on January 15, 2013.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

N/A

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

N/A

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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